

**Finance and Labor Relations Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI  
Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** Brooks called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Aldersperson Jim Brooks	P	City Administrator/Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson Cory Neeley	P	Treasurer/ Julie Roberts
Aldersperson Joy Morrison	P	Evansville Today/Bill Lathrop

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda.** Morrison made a motion, seconded by Neeley to approve agenda as presented. **Motion carried 3-0.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2022 regular meeting and to approve them as printed.** Morrison made a motion, seconded by Neeley to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2022 regular meeting and approve them as printed. Brooks asks Neeley about item 8A and if the last sentence captures what he was trying to say. Brooks would like the verbiage changed to only discuss the allocation and not an increase in wages. Roberts confirms it will be changed. **Motion carried 3-0.**
5. **Civility Reminder.**
6. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.** Lathrop asks if there is any updates on the positions posted by the City for the EMS Chief and City Clerk.
7. **Motion to accept the August 2022 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,332,467.61.** Neeley made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the August 2022 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,332,467.61. Morrison, Brooks and Neeley asked for clarification on a few items and Roberts responded. **Motion carried 3-0 in a roll call vote.**
8. **New Business:**
  - A. **Discussion regarding Electric Utility Locator position.** Brooks states that reports from the Municipal Services Director Renly show the City utility is currently paying linemen for approximately 80 hours a month to perform basic locates. This position would be a new position to do locates and other general labor. Sergeant requested Renly to provide a cost comparison between linemen, new staff and third party to see what would be the most cost effective for the City. Neeley asks if this is seasonal or year round. Brooks responds the intention would be full time. Neeley asks for clarification on job allocations and if percentages would be included in the job description. Discussion wraps up with more information is needed with context to the budget.

- B. **Motion to recommend to Common Council approval of a contract with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors for 2023 Financial Management Plan in the amount of \$17,000.** Morrison made a motion, seconded by Neeley to recommend to Common Council approval of a contract with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors for 2023 Financial Management Plan in the amount of \$17,000. Sergeant gives an overview of the contract. **Motion Carried 3-0.**
  
- C. **Motion to recommend to Common Council Resolution 2022-24 Approval to Maintain Custodial Account(s) with Pershing Advisor Solutions LLC, and Engage Ehlers Investment Partners as Investment Advisor.** Neeley made a motion, seconded by Morrison to recommend to Common Council Resolution 2022-24 Approval to Maintain Custodial Account(s) with Pershing Advisor Solutions LLC, and Engage Ehlers Investment Partners as Investment Advisor. Roberts explains the resolution and how it relates to our borrowing and short term investments. **Motion carried 3-0.**
  
- D. **Motion to recommend to Common Council a non-appropriation addendum to the agreement with Great American Financial Services Corporation.** Neeley made a motion, seconded by Morrison recommend to Common Council a non-appropriation addendum to the agreement with Great American Financial Services Corporation. Sergeant explains that the City attorney reviewed and sees no issue with the addendum. **Motion carried 3-0**

9. **City Administrator/Finance Director Report.**

- A. **2023 Budget Update** Sergeant reports electric budget requests and now it is only about \$100,000 over budget vs \$600,000 that it was over. Storm water budget is over due to the Dam repairs that were unexpected. General Fund is over primarily due to wage increases and wage study. TID's decreased in value this year. Brooks asks about Mill Rates based on revaluation. Roberts responds that it will go down but no final number until after Board of Review is finished. Brooks discusses Fire District Budget.

Sergeant reports EMS Chief/City Clerk posting have closed and interviews will begin next week. Hopefully by the end of September there will be a clearer picture on those positions. Sergeant officially joined the ICMA. Water & Light lineman resigned. The Tahoe has been de-badged and will be transferred to City Hall for staff use. Neeley asks about TDS and where we are at this time and Sergeant provides an update on the timeline for that.

10. **Meeting Reminder:**

- A. Next regular meeting October 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

11. **Neeley made a motion, seconded by Morrison to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**